



**Chicago
Urban League**

R3 PROGRAMS

Testimony to the House Public Safety
and Violence Prevention Task Force

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OUR THREE PROGRAMS

- **TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PATHWAYS**
Service Delivery: Cook - Chicago Southern
- **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**
Service Delivery: Cook - Suburban
- **SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY REPARATIONS COALITION**
Assessment & Planning: Cook - Chicago Southern



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PATHWAYS

The Chicago Urban League and the Safer Foundation are collaborating to provide a series of training opportunities focused on the re-entry population. The program aims to build a stronger pipeline of minority professionals within the technology sector.

- **Solar Photovoltaic Installation**
- **Solar Sales and Finance**
- **Supply Chain Management**
- **Job Readiness & Placement Services**
- **Introduction to Data Analytics**
- **FinTech**
- **IT Pathways**



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The Chicago Urban League introduced new programming in Markham and Harvey and also serving surrounding suburbs. The CEP has four primary goals:

- **Reduce violence and risky behaviors among youth**
- **Improve youth academic performance**
- **Raise employment and income levels among participants**
- **Help entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses**

Douglass	Englewood
Fuller Park	Grand Boulevard
Greater Grand Crossing	Oakland
South Shore	Washington Park
West Englewood	Woodlawn

SOUTH SIDE REPARATIONS COALITION

The Chicago Urban League's Research & Policy Center is aiding residents in collectively understanding and prioritizing reparation strategies to craft recommendations to repair and restore Black communities on the South Side of Chicago. The recommendations will inform a plan for how R3 funds can be used. The project focuses on gathering input from 10 Chicago community areas through:

- **Community Planning Committee meetings**
- **Photovoice Initiative**

OUTCOMES TO DATE

- **166** enrolled in technology training programs (exceeding goal of 75)
- **164** have successfully completed training and earned a certification, license or industry-recognized credential
- **30** youth placed in internships at financial institutions
- **118** placed in jobs
- **100** youth enrolled in CEP programming at two south suburban middle schools (Jesse White and Barack Obama Academies)
- Plan to add 100 high school students in Year 2
- Holding regular Community Planning Committee meetings to discuss reparations

OTHER UPDATES

- Both service delivery programs got a late start due to delays in approvals but are on target to meet or exceed all outcomes in Year 2
- Entrepreneurship programming in the south suburbs has been slow getting underway due to staffing changes in our Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- All in-person programming has been conducted with appropriate social distancing, masking, other precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.